

REMARKS

The present application contains claims 1-19, the status of which is as follows:

- (a) Claims 1-14 have been canceled without prejudice.
- (b) Claims 15-19 are new.

No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner's attention is directed to an Information Disclosure Statement being filed in this application that includes:

US Patent 6,632,227 to Adams,

US Patent Application Publication 2001/0041874 to Reydel,

US Patent Application Publication 2004/0111019 to Long (particularly but not limited to paragraphs 9, 20-23 and 45-51), and

US Patent Application Publication 2004/0111020 to Long (particularly but not limited to paragraphs 18-21 and 53-58).

Elections/Restrictions

Because of the cancellation of claims described hereinabove, the Applicant submits that the Examiner's comments regarding elections are now moot.

Claim Objections

Because of the cancellation of claims described hereinabove, the Applicant submits that the Examiner's comments regarding claim 4 are now moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 102

Claims 1, 3, and 10-12 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 5,395,332. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 10-12 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US 5,863,284. Claims 1, 2, 10, and 13 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US 2003/0208219. While the Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's grounds for rejecting at least some of these claims, the Applicant has canceled these claims without prejudice in order to expedite

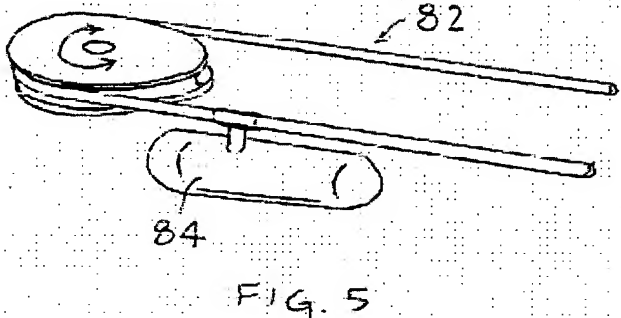
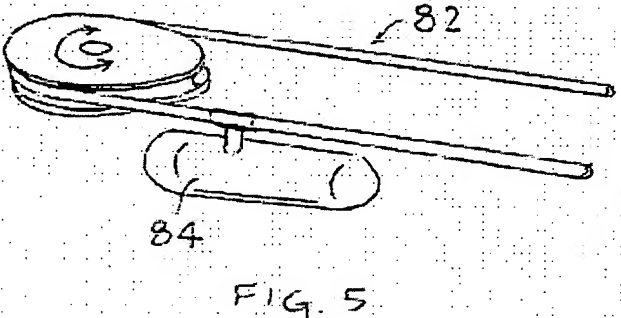
the issuance of a patent on new claims described below, which are believed to be allowable.

Description of new claims

Claims 15-19 are new, and are supported in the specification as filed.

With respect to claim 15, support is shown in the following table. (Paragraph numbering is from the publication of the present patent application (US 2005/0038319):

| Language in claim 15 | Support in specification |
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| Gastrointestinal apparatus, comprising: a guidewire, adapted for insertion into a gastrointestinal tract of a patient; | "[0014] FIG. 1 is a simplified illustration of a guidewire [16], in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention, introduced through the rectum into the large intestine all the way to the cecum." "[0021] The following description follows for introducing guidewire 16 into the gastrointestinal tract, particularly the colon. However, it is emphasized that the invention is not limited to the GI tract and may be used for any other body lumen." |
| a propulsion device comprising a pulley coupled to the guidewire, ... | "[0018] FIG. 5 is a simplified illustration of a gastrointestinal tool with a pulley for movement over the guidewire of FIG. 1, ..." "[0040] Reference is now made to FIG. 5, which illustrates a gastrointestinal tool 80 with another kind of propulsion device, ... the propulsion device includes a pulley 82 for movement over guidewire 16." |

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| <p>...the pulley comprising a pulley line; and</p> | <p>The term "pulley line" does not appear in the text of the specification, but is intended to refer to the "line" (analogous to a clothes-line) which goes around the pulley wheel, and to which tool 84 is attached in Fig. 5.</p>  |
| <p>a gastrointestinal tool, attached to the pulley line, and adapted to be moved proximally through the gastrointestinal tract by means of motion of the pulley line in a first direction, and adapted to be moved distally through the gastrointestinal tract by means of motion of the pulley line in a second direction opposite to the first direction</p> | <p>"[0040] Reference is now made to FIG. 5, which illustrates a gastrointestinal tool 80 with another kind of propulsion device, ... A gastrointestinal tool 84 may be coupled to pulley 82 and moved distally and/or proximally along guidewire 16."</p>  |

Support for claims 16-19 is shown in the following table:

| Language in claim | Support in specification |
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| Claim 16 (new): The apparatus according to claim 15, comprising an anchoring device adapted to anchor the guidewire at a position in the gastrointestinal tract. | "[0012] A propulsion device may be adapted to propel the gastrointestinal tool along the guidewire. An anchoring device (e.g., an inflatable balloon) may be adapted to anchor the guidewire at a position in the gastrointestinal tract. Additionally or alternatively, the gastrointestinal tool may be coupled to a pulley." |
| Claim 17 (new): The apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the anchoring device comprises an inflatable balloon. | "[0012] A propulsion device may be adapted to propel the gastrointestinal tool along the guidewire. An anchoring device (e.g., an inflatable balloon) may be adapted to anchor the guidewire at a position in the gastrointestinal tract. Additionally or alternatively, the gastrointestinal tool may be coupled to a pulley." |
| Claim 18 (new): The apparatus according to claim 15, comprising an inflatable device, adapted to pull the guidewire through a colon of the patient. | "[0022] As seen in FIG. 1, guidewire 16 may be introduced through the rectum 18, ...and reach the cecum 32 by any method. For example, guidewire 16 may be pushed through the colon by hand as in typical colonoscopic procedures. Alternatively, guidewire 16 may be pulled through the colon, such as by a self-propelled mechanical device (or other devices, such as but not limited to, inflatable devices, electrical devices and the like)." |

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| Claim 19 (new): The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the pulley is coupled to an end of the guidewire. | "[0040] ...A gastrointestinal tool 84 may be coupled to pulley 82 and moved distally and/or proximally along guidewire 16. The pulley 82 may be connected to the end of guidewire 16 or any other portion thereof, ..." |
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The Applicant believes the amendments and remarks presented hereinabove to be fully responsive to all of the grounds of rejection raised by the Examiner. In view of these amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims in the present application are now in order for allowance. Notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

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